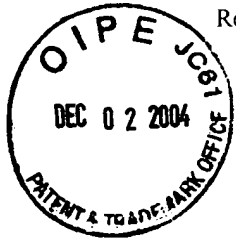


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Re: Application of: Juergen HOFFMANN
Serial No.: 10/023,187 Confirmation No.: 3352
Filed: December 17, 2001
For: SCANNING MICROSCOPE
Art Unit: 2878
Examiner: Kevin Pyo
Customer No: 23280

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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November 30, 2004

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the office action dated September 8, 2004 received in the above-identified application, applicant hereby respectfully requests reconsideration of the application based on the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings being on page 6 of this paper and include two attached replacement sheets.

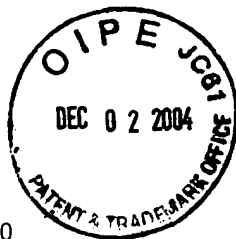
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An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 9 of this paper.

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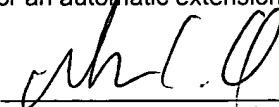
Transmitted herewith is a **Response to Office Action (9 pages)** in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been previously established.
☐ Applicants assert small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27.
☒ No fee for additional claims is required.
☐ A filing fee for additional claims calculated as shown below, is required:

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- ☒ Also transmitted herewith are:
☐ Petition for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
☒ Other: **Two (2) Replacement Sheet Drawings**
- ☐ Check(s) in the amount of **\$0.00** is/are attached to cover:
☐ Filing fee for additional claims under 37 C.F.R. 1.16
☐ Petition fee for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
☐ Other:
- ☒ The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.
- ☒ Any filing fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 for the presentation of additional claims which are not paid by check submitted herewith.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.
- ☒ Any petition fees for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 which are not paid by check submitted herewith, and it is hereby requested that this be a petition for an automatic extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136.


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